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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1484.

Sincerely,

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In your 90-day response to GL 2004-02, you indicated that you intend to use future test results, industry guidance, and NRC guidance to account for chemical precipitants in your evaluation and their availability will impact the schedule for performing an evaluation. The cooperative NRC-Electric Power Research Institute tests in progress at the University of New Mexico are designed to determine if chemical effects occur, but are not designed to measure head loss associated with any chemical effects. The staff notes that some chemical effects have been observed in the initial three tests.

For addressing chemical effects, you state the evaluation may occur after the September 1, 2005, response due date, depending on the schedule for testing and the availability of industry guidance. This is contrary to the information request in GL 2004-02, which requests that chemical effects be addressed in the September 1, 2005, response. This delay is also contrary to the staff's position that there are sufficient bases to address sump vulnerability to chemical effects and that the September response will be incomplete if the evaluation is incomplete, the design is not complete, or there is no schedule for upgrades. In this light, please discuss your plans and schedule for evaluating chemical effects. In addition, please discuss any plans for performing testing to support your evaluation of this effect.

ENCLOSURE